

BELLINGHAM ARTS ACADEMY FOR YOUTH

Parent and Student Behavior Guidelines

Fostering respect for individuals, the arts, and education is the foundation upon which these expectations of behavior are based. Most students are responsible and focused on their artistic pursuits; BAAY does not emphasize rules at the expense of learning and creativity. However, we do ask that students and parents read the Student Behavior Policy together at the beginning of each session. By completing our registration form, parents and students agree to adhere to our behavior guidelines.

Community Guidelines

BAAY is all about fun, integrity, being in a community of friends, and achieving high quality work. We ask that all members of our community behave their best and we expect them to inspire appreciation and model integrity for our students.

- Please refrain from negative gossip, hurtful comparisons and slander.
- Please reserve disciplinary action regarding BAAY students other than your child to BAAY staff. If you see an action that you think is in violation of the student code of conduct, ask the children to hold and wait, and find a BAAY staff member.
- We encourage you to provide us with positive and constructive feedback. Please address all your concerns, questions, and comments to our instructors or contact our Program Director, Juliette Machado at eduarts@baay.org.
- In case of violation of our policies, BAAY reserves the right to suspend families from participating in our activities.

Student Behavior Guidelines

At BAAY, we strive to create an educational environment that is professional, ethical, and supportive of the growth of our students as artists and as community members. To this end, we expect that students will approach their work at BAAY with professionalism and focus, as well as with respect for staff and for their fellow students. Students at BAAY are expected to:

- Be on time.
- Come to class prepared and ready to focus.
- Treat one another and the staff with courtesy and respect.
- Dress and act respectfully at all times.

As a community, we do not condone or tolerate violence, lying, cheating, stealing, bullying, profanity, gratuitous vulgarity, physical or verbal abuse, inappropriate displays of affection, or discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. Behavior that is not commensurate with our goal of maintaining a healthy, supportive environment will be grounds for disciplinary action, probation, or dismissal at the discretion of the Program Director.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

My Rights

- I have the right to enjoy my time at BAAY EduArts and to be treated with compassion in this class. No one will laugh at me or intentionally hurt my feelings.
- I have the right to express myself in this class. No one will treat me unfairly because of any aspect of my unique self.
- I have the right to experience safety in this class. No one will hit me, kick me, push me, pinch me, threaten me, or hurt me. Students around me move in ways that keep me safe.
- I have the right to have my property be safe in this class.
- I have the right to hear and be heard in this class. This means no one will compete with me when I have 'the floor' or otherwise disturb me.

My Responsibilities

- I have the responsibility to treat others with compassion. I will not laugh at others, tease others, or intentionally hurt others' feelings.
- I have the responsibility to respect others as individuals and treat others fairly.
- I have the responsibility to make this class safe by not hitting, kicking, pushing, pinching, threatening, or hurting anyone. I will move my body in ways that keep those around me safe.
- I have the responsibility to respect others' property. I will not steal or destroy their property.
- I have the responsibility to listen to others. I will not raise my voice to talk over others or otherwise disturb those who have 'the floor'.